GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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Closed Powerloom Units
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of powerlooms set up and closed in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the number of people who lost their jobs due to closure of said powerlooms during the said period;

(c) the details of schemes formulated for development and revival of powerloom sector along with funds allocated/utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, State and scheme-wise; and

(d) the details of the contribution of the handloom and powerloom sectors to the total production of textile products in the country during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): The number of powerlooms set up state-wise is enclosed at Annexure-I. Due to increase in input costs, slump in demand over the last three years, there has been partial stoppage/shutdown of powerlooms which is to the extent of 30-40% of the capacity. However, the exact number of persons who were affected has not been estimated.

(c): Government has been implementing several schemes for the development and revival of the decentralized Powerloom Sector which include:- i) The In-situ upgradation scheme for upgradation of plain powerlooms; ii) Group Workshed Scheme for giving assistance for constructing workshed for powerloom sector; iii) The Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD) for extending support in the form of Buyer Seller Meet, Yarn Banks, setting up of Common Facility Centres, organising Seminar/ Workshop regarding Government schemes; iv) Group Insurance Scheme for social security and v) Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS) for skill upgradation. The funds are allocated scheme-wise and not state-wise. The details of budget allocation and utilization under the Powerloom Sector Schemes for the last three years and current year are enclosed at Annexure-II.

(d): The details of the contribution of the powerloom sector/ Handloom sector out of total cloth production of textile sector in the country during the last three years & current period is given below:
(Million Square meters)
YEAR POWERLOOM HANDLOOM TOTAL

2013-14 36,790 (57.93%) 7,104(11.19%) 63,500
2014-15 37,749(59.44%) 7,203(11.34%) 63,500
2015-16 36,984(56.46%) 7,638(11.66%) 65,505
2016-17(Up to Oct., 2016) 21,335(56.53%) 4,724(12.51%) 37,736